



However, in spite of the above, I believe that we are in error in passing such information in Secret level situations. We do not use the polygraph ourselves in determining whether a person can have a Secret level clearance. I would guess that the reasoning is not merely one of resources, but of avoiding using the "elephant gun on the fly." Why then should we, in effect, permit DISCO to avail itself of our maximum weapon for their Secret level clearances? The concern here is that if we use a polygraph, particularly where derogatory information is developed, we run the risk of complaints to Congress and other forums, and needlessly expose our polygraph program to attack. I simply see no logic in passing this information on a Secret level clearance when we would not use the polygraph ourselves for the same clearance if we were issuing it. Perhaps where extremely serious information were developed, we might consider passing it to DISCO in a Secret level situation. I think we should stop doing it as a matter of routine.

I should add that the only information which we are obligated to pass is evidence of certain criminal law violations and, then, only to the Justice Department and under guidelines adopted by the Attorney General. As you know, the decision on what to pass in this connection is made by the General Counsel. I know of no statutory obligation whatsoever to pass information to DISCO or any member of the Intelligence Community.